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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Yoshinori SHIBATA : ART UNIT: 3724

SERIAL NO.: 09/115,654 :

FILED: July 15, 1998 : EXAMINER: CLARK F. DEXTER

FOR: CIRCULAR SAW

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, has been carefully reviewed in light of the Examiner's helpful comments and suggestions.

Claims 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 44, 45, 48, 49, 53, and 54 have been amended to overcome the objections and the Section 112, second paragraph, indefiniteness rejections raised by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, has been addressed and it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted

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